





The Secretary of State has received official assurances of Russia's acceptance of the invitation to participate in the projected International Monetary Conference, and has understood that the preliminaries in regard to the time and place of the meeting will be finally arranged by the President in the course of next week.—Home paper.

A most eccentric person died recently in Berlin at the age of seventy-three. He began a Berlin correspondence, and kept on his eccentricities until he died. He had shown that during fifty-two years he had noted the smoking of 628,713 cigars, of which he had received 43,692 as presents, while for the remaining 585,021 he had paid 2,086,122. He also showed that he had eaten 12,345, which showed that his eating was at any rate not unduly extravagant. During the same period he had had eighty-five pairs of trousers made, costing altogether 921, 35, 34, seventy-four coats and waistcoats for 1868, 38, 22, sixty-two pairs of boots for 661, 28, 22, twenty-two pairs of shirts and 'fronts', and 325 collars, costing altogether 571, 35, 44. In time for his death he had 25,786 glasses of Bavarian beer, of which, however, 21,241 were only small ones. For this beer and 36,081 glasses of cognac and other spirits, he spent 1,070,170. He gave 'tips' amounting to 2611. His book-keeping stopped when he completed his seventy-third year, and he left behind him a vast mass of figures, 'Omnia tantum, multa perspet, nihil perfecti.'

Hours—acting by electric light has been tried at St. Louis, in the United States, with great success. The course at South Side Park, says the *Daily News*, presents a curious appearance, the stand, fences, posts, and everything painted about the end of the night, and the effect is very striking. At a height of 20 feet from the ground runs a wire, like the trolley of an electric railway, round the course. Up on this, at intervals, are placed strong clusters of incandescent lamps, with four lights in each cluster. Glare, search-lights illuminate the turns. A peculiar arrangement prevents the casting of shadows, which has always hitherto proved a difficulty. The horse-racing by artificial light. The grand stand is a blaze of brilliant whiteness, and from it the course is seen mapped out in a light so bright that the colours of the jockeys' jackets are plainly visible. The effect is all the more striking, as the light is thrown from the space of darkness that intervenes between the stand and the track. To obviate danger, only five horses are allowed in such races. The only difficulty experienced at the recent meeting was to find sufficient accommodation for the large number of horses entered.

So far, remarks the *London*, as our knowledge of English history in this century and the last goes, there has only been one cotemporary Premier—Lord Palmerston—who died in his post in his eighty-first year. Several of our eminent statesmen have in this century—not one in the last—whose year their time began Prime Ministers attained to this longevity. Henry Addington (Lord Sidmouth, son of Dr. Addington) died at eighty-one, the Duke of Wellington died at eighty-two, Lord Grey at eighty-one, Lord Russell at eighty-six; but long before their deaths they betook themselves to that 'best retirement' which the poet tells us is such a friend to life's decline. We are no politicians, but we cannot be insensible to prodigies of power and fortune. In this sense we regard with keen interest the recent mental and physical feats of Mr. Gladstone in his Mid-Johannes campaign. He has attained 'the record' and it is to be again Prime Minister of England, we shall regard the achievement as one of which the English race may be proud. Such a statement involves no medical approval of men even of Mr. Gladstone's strength, but it is a political fact of eighty-two. But from a physiological point of view, such power and pluck can only excite admiration, and we heartily hope that they may suffer neither harm nor discredit by the experiment.

At All Souls Church, Langham-place, on the 19th inst., Miss Constance Glibbert, the well-known burlesque actress, was married to the Earl of Orkney. Though the fact that the marriage was to take place was not generally known, about 100 persons were in the church. There was a conspicuous absence of members of the theatrical profession, whilst the Duke of Beaufort was almost the sole representative of the high aristocracy. The bridegroom, accompanied by his best man, Mr. Gerald Pratt, of Aylesbury, arrived at the church shortly before noon, and the bride drove up a few minutes later, attended by her bridesmaids, Miss Blanche Dwyer, Miss Gladstone, and Miss Glibbert, who were all dressed in grey velvet, and carried a bouquet of white lilies, and wore a veil. The bride was dressed in a gown of white silk and carried a bouquet of carnations. Miss Glibbert was escorted to the altar by the Duke of Beaufort. The Rev. W. F. Rogers, senior curate of All Souls, officiated at the ceremony, at the conclusion of which Lord and Lady Orkney, accompanied by the rest of the party, proceeded to the vestry, where they subscribed their names to the marriage register. The signatures of the bride and groom, and of the witnesses, were among the first. The bridegroom, accompanied by his best man, Mr. Gerald Pratt, of Aylesbury, arrived at the church shortly before noon, and the bride drove up a few minutes later, attended by her bridesmaids, Miss Blanche Dwyer, Miss Gladstone, and Miss Glibbert, who were all dressed in grey velvet, and carried a bouquet of white lilies, and wore a veil. The bride was dressed in a gown of white silk and carried a bouquet of carnations. Miss Glibbert was escorted to the altar by the Duke of Beaufort. The Rev. W. F. Rogers, senior curate of All Souls, officiated at the ceremony, at the conclusion of which Lord and Lady Orkney, accompanied by the rest of the party, proceeded to the vestry, where they subscribed their names to the marriage register. The signatures of the bride and groom, and of the witnesses, were among the first. The bridegroom, accompanied by his best man, Mr. Gerald Pratt, of Aylesbury, arrived at the church shortly before noon, and the bride drove up a few minutes later, attended by her bridesmaids, Miss Blanche Dwyer, Miss Gladstone, and Miss Glibbert, who were all dressed in grey velvet, and carried a bouquet of white lilies, and wore a veil. The bride was dressed in a gown of white silk and carried a bouquet of carnations. Miss Glibbert was escorted to the altar by the Duke of Beaufort. The Rev. W. F. Rogers, senior curate of All Souls, officiated at the ceremony, at the conclusion of which Lord and Lady Orkney, accompanied by the rest of the party, proceeded to the vestry, where they subscribed their names to the marriage register. The signatures of the bride and groom, and of the witnesses, were among the first.

Shoemaker (aside)—A full four. (Aloud)—What size do you wear, madam? Mrs. Teasel—Why, you just measured my foot! Shoemaker—Yes, but what size do you wear?

Edwin Fale—This year I intend to not spend one minute for the free admission of orphans. Brown—Good. Any restrictions at all? Edwin Fale—Only two. Orphans over twenty not admitted, and orphans under twenty must be accompanied by their parents.

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